

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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PASS NTSB

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, IN  
SUBJECT: BOEING 747 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

REF: STATE 220951, NEW DELHI 13141

1. DIRECTOR OF AVIATION SAFETY V. CHELLAPPA CALLED EMBOFF THE MORNING OF AUGUST 31 TO REQUEST THAT NTSB SEND SPECIALIST FOR A SHORT PERIOD TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AIR INDIA ACCIDENT. CHELLAPPA EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS NOW FACED WITH ESTABLISHING WHETHER THE PILOT HAD TAKEN CORRECT ACTION TO BRING THE PLANE TO A HALT. ACCORDING TO CHELLAPPA, THE PILOT "BLAMES THE BRAKES" AND THE FAILURE OF THE REVERSE THRUST FOR THE FACT THAT THE PLANE RAN OFF THE RUNWAY (PRESS REPORTS SAY PLANE SWERVED OFF THE RUNWAY TO ONE SIDE RATHER THAN GOING OFF AT THE FAR END).

2. CHELLAPPA SAID THAT AN NTSB SPECIALIST IN PILOT OPERATIONS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. HE EXPECTED THAT VISIT NEED NOT LAST MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE ASKED THAT THE MATTER BE HANDLED DISCREETLY.

3. AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT, CHELLAPPA INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE

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HAD ALREADY ARRANGED FOR A MEMBER OF AIR INDIA STAFF TO CARRY TO WASHINGTON THE BFDR AND QAR (WHICH EMBOFF UNDERSTANDS TO BE FLIGHT RECORDERS) FROM THE AIRCRAFT. IN A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO HENDRICKS OF NTSB ACCOMPANYING PACKAGE, HE ASKS THAT NTSB PREPARE THE READOUT FROM THE TAPES. IF NTSB USES AIR INDIA FACILITIES TO REPLY, CHELLAPPA ASKS THAT MATERIAL BE SEALED TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY.

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## Message Attributes

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